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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated July 8, 2009, concerning the above-referenced patent application. This response is filed along with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and is part of the RCE submission. By virtue of the Notice of Appeal filed on December 7, 2009, the due date for an RCE is extended to February 7, 2010, which is Sunday. The U.S. PTO is closed the following Monday, February 8, 2010, due to inclement weather. Thus, the RCE and the response are timely filed on or before February 9, 2010.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

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